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CQ DX 2 Meters

In an age when VHF DX is measured in globe circling distances, it is easy to forget the thrill of terrestrial contacts measuring merely hundreds, not thousands of miles. My recollection of a certain 150 mile contact in the late 1950's and the feeling of accomplishment which accompanied it glows dimly in the recesses of my consciousness. There have been too many 150 mile repeater contacts...too many EME contacts... and a few satellite contacts in between.

The thrill has returned! Although the recent terrestrial contacts on 2 meters have not come close to shattering my old DX record on that band, they have stimulated an appetite for more of the same.

Several weeks ago, I am pleased to report, I had the pleasure of working Curt Harris, KL7IUJ on 144.2 MHz SSB at his home in Iliamna, a distance of 202 miles. Curt uses a Cushcraft 214B Junior Boomer and IC-290H with 25 watts of output power. Signals faded in and out but signals peaked S-5 at times during the two days of scheduled contacts.

Curt is obviously as hooked as I am, so he took his equipment across Lake Iliamna by boat and set up operations on Big Mountain, the location of a former White Alice communication station. On Saturday morning, June 11 we again made contact. The distance was 227 miles and this time we had company.

The list of those working KL7IUJ on that morning included KL7QS, KL7OX, W5AHO, KL7AP and KL7CQ in Anchorage and KL7LA and KL7JKW in Montana Creek. The distance from Montana Creek to Big Mountain is 263 miles.

Tim Pettis KL7WE

**AARC 'SHORT'**

HEARD AFTER THE RECENT ELECTIONS: THE ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB WILL BE CHANGING ITS NAME TO 'MORGAN'S RAILROAD'.

ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 3, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by AL7AW. The usual round-the-room introductions were made.

The club was informed by Jasper KL7MD of some illegal activities in the area on 80 meters, and advised the group to listen for a possible illegal contact and let him know.

Bob AL7AW discussed the raffle for positions in the club "mailbox" slots. If too many applications are received, the club will hold a lottery to decide positions.

Bryce AL7DL gave an explanation of Field Day, the site, and general information on equipment still needed. Everyone was urged to attend and join the festivities.

Fred KL7HFM got the club in gear on the buying and selling of raffle tickets to be drawn at Field Day.

Kirsten KL7PQ asked for volunteers for the Alaska Athletic Club race to be held June 19, and mentioned the "Iditafoot" to be held sometime in August.

The big order of business for the meeting was the election of 1984 officers, and April AL7CV, suggested that we inter-spouse the elections with the remaining orders of business. The following people cast their votes by proxy: WB0YNS, NSAEN, KL7MU, KL7MV, KL7NR, KL7LD. A proxy campaign speech written by WL7D was read. Nominations from the floor for KL7CQ as president, and seconded by KL7FKD. Nominations were closed for president, and ballots were cast.

Herb AL7G made the suggestion that some input be received from the general membership on whether or not to hold another raffle at the flea market this year. In midstream, AL7CV interrupted with the news that KL7CQ, Wilse, is our new president for 1984. A campaign speech for position of Vice President was presented by AL7DL. This speech was closely followed by words from K1ZAT. Nominations were closed, and ballots cast. Back to flea market discussion. Wilse KL7CQ spoke in favor of the raffle, as well as did KL7HFM. Fred gave a complete rundown of club input and output as far as income for the year. Another interruption was made, and AL7DL was announced as Vice President of the club.



KL7ZR presented a campaign speech followed by KL7WM. Nominations were closed and ballots were collected. AL7AW presented a summation of the raffle discussion and suggested that members ideas be presented to the board and the raffle committee. W4IGM moved we table the discussion on the raffle, seconded by KL7IPV. A vote was held and it was voted to table raffle discussion.

KL7WM was elected as Activities Manager.

A short anti-campaign speech was made for KL7VT from AL7CV and KL7HFM said nothing. Nomination speeches were given by KL7MQ, and AL7AW, on behalf of AL7BK. Nominations from the floor were made for KL7RQ and nominations were closed. Announcement was made that Fred KL7HFM continues as treasurer.

Herb AL7G declined his nomination for 3 year Board Member, and Mark KL7HD gave his speech. AL7BK was announced as secretary. Nominations for 3 year Board were closed. Our new 3 year Board Member is K1ZAT.

Since we had so many running for 1 year Board, they just introduced themselves. Nominations from the floor for KL7ZR, and were closed. The six elected 1 year Board Members are KL7JIM, KL7AP, KL7SK, KL7WE, KL7QS, AL7CV.

With all the business conducted, AL7AW suggested we draw for door prizes, then show Jerry's (KL7PU) film on Tonga.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Rumery KL7RQ  
Acting Secretary, for AL7BK

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ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 15, 1983

Present: President Bob McKinnie AL7AW; Past President Betty Rhodes KL7AP; Vice President Bryce Rumery AL7DL; Secretary Lance Dunbar AL7BK; Treasurer Fred Wegner KL7HFM; Activities Manager Kirsten Petersen KL7PQ; Trustee Bill Reiter KL7ITI; Board Members J.D. Delancy K1ZAT; Tim Pettis KL7WE; David Cloyd KL7M; Mark Hadley KL7HD; Steve Wilcox KL7JIM; David Stevens KL7EB. Absent: April Walter AL7CV; Art Taylor KL7SK; Glen Turner AL7DN. Also present: President elect Wilse Morgan KL7CQ; Activities Manager elect Daniel Stevens KL7WM; Board Member elect Martha Neeley KL7QS; Visitors Herb Rosenthal AL7G and Edward Cole AL7EB.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob McKinnie AL7AW at 7:19pm. Minutes of the previous board and general meetings were read and accepted after corrections. Following the introduction of the visitors, the treasurer's report was circulated, read and accepted.

Activities Manager Kirsten Petersen KL7PQ reported that everything was set for the Alaska Athletic Club race to be held Sunday, June 19.

A request for the use of the UAA Consortium Library auditorium and a backup room has been made for the general club meetings for the remainder of the summer. The July and September meetings will be held the 2nd Friday of the month.

Kirsten also reported that people are needed to man three checkpoints for the "Iditafoot" run from Hope to Homer for a few days during the week sometime in August.

She also noted that the Mat Valley ARC is asking for all the help they can get from AARC Hams for the Bluegrass Festival July 30 at the Palmer Fairgrounds. Wilse Morgan KL7CQ reported that he, KL7AP and AL7DL will visit the CAP Cadet encampment at Elmendorf this Sunday to demonstrate Ham radio and MARS operations to the cadets.

Bob AL7AW reported that KL7MD, KL7IPV, KL7FKO and KL7ZH visited the Youth Fair held at Ft. Richardson last weekend and provided information and a demonstration of amateur radio to those attending the Youth Fair. A group of these youths will visit the Field Day activities.



David Cloyd KL7M read a letter from Roy Hansen KL7GQ requesting the return of his VHF antenna. After much discussion regarding the method of acquisition, the present ownership of, and the possible future uses of the antenna, the board voted to table the matter for the present time.

Bill Reiter KL7ITI asked to have entered into the record that one 10 foot section of Rohn 25 tower being used at the 39/94 repeater site belongs to him.

Fred Wesmer KL7HFM noted that the license for the 90/30 repeater, WR7ACT, is expiring. KL7M moved and AL7DL seconded, that the PARKA club call, KL7ION, be used for this repeater. The motion carried.

Mark Hadley KL7HD read a rough draft of a letter he is preparing for publicity for Field Day. Mark will distribute this letter to the news media in conjunction with the club's Field Day Activities.

Mark also resigned as Publicity Chairman because of other commitments. A search for a replacement is under way.

Wilse KL7CQ reported that Herb AL7G, Bill KL7BB and himself are the Flea Market raffle committee. A list of proposed raffle prizes, sellers' prizes and cost of tickets was presented to the board. Following a lively discussion, the prizes to be given were: 1st prize: Osborne Kaypro II computer, 2nd prize: Zenith portable BETA VCR and color camera, 3rd prize: \$1000 cash, 4th prize: Hewlett Packard HP41CV programmable calculator, 5th prize: \$100 cash, 6th prize: \$50 cash. 2000 tickets will be printed and will sell for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Ticket sellers will be awarded cash prizes for the most tickets sold.

It was reported that the antenna at the Pioneers Home was tuned to the CW portion of the bands and need to be retuned to the Phone portion. AL7AW, KL7EB and KL7M will handle.

The Anchorage Association Volunteer Administration is holding a meeting June 21. Martha Neeley KL7QS will represent AARC.

The club has been asked to submit a nomination for director of AMSAT. Tim Pettis KL7WE volunteered to be the nominee and also to fill out the application.

Bob AL7AW will contact the Audit Committee appointees concerning the annual audit.

Kirsten KL7PQ will get the blood shaker photos from the newspaper this week.

J.D. K1ZAT pointed out that the Outstanding Service Award plaque to be presented at Field Day had not been obtained. Bob AL7AW agreed to get it.

Fred KL7HFM noted that the scholarship payment to ACC for the spring semester had not been paid because the club was not notified that it was due. It was agreed to send both the UAA and ACC scholarship payments at the same time to avoid missing future payments. Betty KL7AP moved that the club send two scholarship payments to ACC for the fall '84 semester to make up for the missed payment. Tim KL7WE seconded, and the motion carried.

Bryce AL7DL reported that all was in readiness for Field Day and the Security Police at the Boniface gate to Elmendorf would have a copy of the club roster, so there should be no trouble gaining access to the base.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59pm.

Respectfully submitted

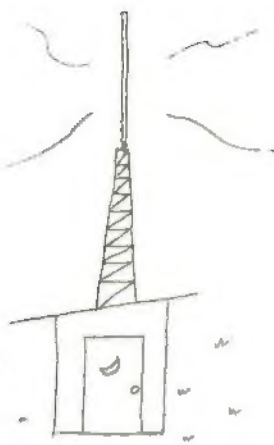
Lance Dunbar AL7BK  
Secretary

#### ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FLEA MARKET 1983

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN GANG. TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THIS YEARS FLEA MARKET. AS WITH PAST YEARS WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAVE THE FLEA MARKET. THE DATES FOR THE 1983 AARC FLEA MARKET ARE SEPTEMBER 17th AND 18th. THE WORD IS "START LOOKING FOR A SITE"!!!! WE NEED A GOOD SIZED BUILDING ON THE ORDER OF WHAT WE HAD LAST YEAR. IF YOU KNOW OF SUCH A PLACE LET ONE OF THE CLUB OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS KNOW ASAP. WE WILL HAVE THE USUAL FLEA MARKET RAFFLE (SEE BOARD MINUTES FOR DETAILS), THE COUNTRY STORE, THE NORMAL DISPLAYS AND SELLERS, HOPEFULLY COMMERCIAL BOOTHS, AND OF COURSE THE SOOTHING SOUNDS OF KL7CQ STILL PROVING THAT HE CAN SELL ANYONE ".... IN A BROWN PAPER BAG".

THIS IS ONE OF THE "BIGGIES" FOR THE YEAR AND PROMISES TO BE BETTER THAN EVER. LET'S ALL GET OUT AND LOOK FOR THIS YEARS SITE.....





## THE REPEATER REPORTER

by WL7D

*Frank*

If there is anything that you would like me to cover in this column, from technical to operational or anything between, I'll try to accomodate any requests. I have been asked to review some repeater operating guidelines this month. Let's look at an ideal scenario:

Orville, NL7ZZ wishes to use the 34/94 machine so he turns on the radio and dials in the frequency. He listens for about 15 seconds to make sure the machine is not in use. He's not sure if the machine is up so he wants to hear the comforting squelch tail before making his call. He keys and quickly identifies. He'd never think of just kerchunking the repeater because that is illegal. Also, knowing that the FCC frowns on using cutesy phonetics for a required ID he just says "N L 7 Z Z" instead of the "Nothing like seven zebra zits" that he uses to be amusing.

Satisfied that the machine works, he makes his brief call to NL7ZY, repeating the call but once and specifying the frequency, "94" during the call. He waits a moment and calls again. After another moment with no answer he clears, indicating he's done with the call. After awhile he decides to make a general call to anybody. He keys and says, "NL7ZZ monitoring 94."

Still he gets no response but after awhile NL7ZY shows up talking to NL7ZX. Knowing that it is very rude and poor practice to "tail end" each other, they always wait for the beep. (When they are on a 'beepless' repeater they make a point of waiting after each transmission giving someone a chance to get in.) Orville remembers that he wanted to talk to NL7ZY so he wants to get into the conversation. Since his need to barge in is not critical, he just gives his call after NL7ZX unkeys and before the beep. They recognize him and he joins the discussion which ends up being about methods to break into a conversation on the radio. Orville explains that just giving your call is sufficient to jump in and join the contact and that use of the word "break" is reserved for urgent situations. He says that one "break" is used if you are in a hurry like trying to catch somebody who has just signed, and that "break, break" is an urgent need such as for highway assistance, and that "break, break, break" is reserved for life and death situations.

The conversation continues for a bit in a round robin fashion. Each person keeps from getting too long winded as he might on HF; they keep each transmission relatively brief and concise. Yet this friendly conversation continues for sometime with nobody worrying about monopolizing the repeater because they always wait for the beep and even often leave long pauses encouraging anyone needing the machine to jump in and say so. Each remembers to ID at least once in 10 minutes. They eventually wish each other well and sign off.

This, of course, is a fairy tale. Each of us is occasionally guilty of an infraction or discourtesy that these model hams wouldn't dream of. Still we should all try to emulate these exemplary operating procedures keeping courtesy and common sense as our guidelines. The source for these guidelines is "FM & Repeaters" and "The FCC Rule Book" both by the ARRL. Next month will be about auto patch operating guidelines.

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ICOM IC-215 VHF-FM RIG XTAL CONTROLLED \$65.00  
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THAN ONE MONTH OR NOTIFY ME IF YOU WANT THE AD RENEWED.



ROSTER CHANGES AND UPDATES

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NEW NAME: DELANCY FOR AL7CV

NEW ADDRESS: GEORGE AND BIMJI MENARD  
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WILLOW, AK 99688

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ANCHORAGE, AK 99504  
333-1808 HOME  
279-9586 WORK

WILLIAM TERRY GRIFFIN  
711 ASH PL. #B  
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274-1990 HOME

KL7HAE JAMES O'KELLY  
3418 W. 84TH  
ANCHORAGE, AK 99502  
243-4395 HOME

TIMOTHY BAUGHMAN  
BOX 3-4113 ECB  
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345-0540 HOME  
272-2125 WORK

WL7K VINCENT VANDERHYDE  
3470 MEANDER WAY  
JUNEAU, AK 99801  
586-2814 HOME  
465-3370 WORK

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EDITORS NOTE: THIS NEWSLETTER WAS PUT TOGETHER IN GREAT HASTE AS I HAD A GREAT  
DEAL TO DO FOR FIELD DAY AND HAD TO PREPARE EVERYTHING FOR THIS  
ISSUE OF THE "ARC" IN A GREAT RUSH..... PLEASE FORGIVE.....

73s BRYCE, AL7DL

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# ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1983

08 JULY 1983      GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. ACC CAMPUS, BUILDING K, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, AMPHITHEATRE. 7:30 PM

20 JULY 1983      BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ALASCOM BUILDING, 36TH AND NEW SEWARD. 7:00 PM

SOMETIME IN JULY      COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE ALASKA GOLF TOURNEY...HELD AT FT. RICH AND ELMENDORF COURSES. COME TO THE MEETING FOR DETAILS.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 14 JUN 83

INCOME:		EXPENSES	
MEMBERSHIP	349.00	HOSPITALITY	47.00
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SUB TOTAL	2339.63	PRINTING	188.16
		DONATIONS	700.00
		SUBTOTAL	1058.58

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## 1983 AARC ROSTER

THE 1983 AARC ROSTER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TIME FOR THE FLEA MARKET IN SEPTEMBER. THE DECISION WAS MADE TO DELAY THE PUBLISHING OF THE FULL ROSTER UNTIL THAT TIME DUE TO THE PUBLISHING OF THE "MINI ROSTER" IN MAY. IF YOU HAVE MADE ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, CALL, ETC. MAKE SURE YOU LET OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON, APRIL DELANCY, AL7CV, KNOW ASAP. GREAT THANKS TO ERV, AL7CN, FOR HIS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING US WITH LABELS FOR THE NEWSLETTER, AND KEEPING THE ROSTER INFORMATION IN HIS APPLE.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER DEPT.

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE THAT WORKED AT IDITAROD HEADQUARTERS THIS YEAR. THE LISTING HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT ON THE PART OF "YE ED". SO HERE IT IS AND THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE EFFORT AT IDITAROD HAM HEADQUARTERS THIS YEAR.....



# MAILBOXES AGAIN.....

AS PROMISED HERE IS THE COMPLETE LIST OF ALL MAIL BOX LOCATIONS IN THE 34/94 CONTROLLER. THIS LIST IS CURRENT AS OF 27 JUNE 1983. DIRECTIONS ARE LISTED AFTER THE LIST OF BOX HOLDERS.

MAILBOX	CALL	MAILBOX	CALL	MAILBOX	CALL	MAILBOX	CALL
300	KL7ITI	301	K1ZAT	302	AL7DL	303	KL7QS
305	KL7AA/R	306	KL7IMD	308	AL7AW	309	KL7CQ
310	AL7BK	311	KL7HFM	312	KL7WM	313	KL7AP
314	AL7CV	315	KL7M	316	KL7EB	317	KL7WE
318	KL7JIM	319	KL7SK	320	AL7DN	321	KL7HD
322	WB7SFO	323	KL7RQ	329	AL7CA	330	W5AHO
331	KL7SV	333	KL7OY	334	W4IGM	337	KL7IZZ
338	KL7HO	340	KL7GQQ	345	KL7XW	350	KL7FKQ
355	AL7EB	357	AL7CN	360	KL7SA	365	NL7AD
366	NL7AV	369	AL7EJ	373	W7ICI	378	WL7D

TO INTEROGATE MESSAGES: "3" TO INTEROGATE TYPE OF MESSAGE: "3\*x"  
x= MESSAGE NUMBER

TO RETRIEVE MESSAGES: "3nn1234" TO CLEAR MESSAGES: "3nn1234567890"  
nn= LAST TWO OF MAIL BOX

TO WRITE A MESSAGE: "3xx nn m 1234" xx=LAST TWO OF BOX TO BE WRITTEN TO.  
nn= LAST TWO OF YOUR BOX. m= MESSAGE NUMBER

MESSAGES: 0=PHONE HOME 1=CALL ME TONIGHT 2=CALL ME ON 90/30

3=CALL ME ON 220 4=CALL ME ON 10/70 5=CALL ME ON UHF

6=CALL ME ON ATV REPEATER

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**Propagation from the President ...**

The AARC conducted a new activity on June 9. It presented Amateur Radio before the first annual Fort Richardson Youth Fair at the Fort Rich Officers Club. Plans were worked out on short notice to fill a booth with displays, equipment, and hams. Jasper Heath, KL7MD, loaded up the club's QSL displays, posters, and a two-meter mobile rig with antenna and power supply. He was met at the Fair by Al Bianco, KL7FKO, Frank Drake, KL7IPV, and Barbara Shive, KL7ZH. They spent the afternoon meeting the Fort Richardson youth and talking about "ham radio." All the hams agreed that the activity was very profitable. Many people were exposed to the concept of amateur radio and several prospective students were found. A group of the youth will visit the club during the field day festivities to get a closer look at the hobby in action. Many thanks to the "elmers" who helped with this event. I hope all of us will keep an eye open for any chance to introduce people to amateur radio and encourage prospective students. Such activities contribute greatly to the growth and vitality of the amateur radio "fraternity."

By the time this newsletter is received, the Fiftieth Annual Field Day will be past. I hope everyone enjoyed and learned from it and is looking forward to the next one. My thanks to all who participated in the event. This would be a good time for suggestions on how to improve the event and new ideas to try. If you didn't get involved as you wanted, start planning now for next year.

There will be several events during the summer which will require support and offer unique rewards to the participants. The KSKA Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at the Palmer Fairgrounds on August 30. All participants will receive free admission to the day's activities as well as a chance to provide versatile communications support for security and production coordination. Contact Kirsten Peterson, KL7PQ, if you can help. This is a big event with several thousand people attending. Show up in force and wear your vests, name tags, handhelds, and other signs of the hobby. It will be a fun event and your help will be greatly appreciated.

August 20 through 27 will be the time for the second Alaska Marathon Run from Hope to Homer. See the June "Alaska Magazine" for a nice story on the event. Christy Mead, KL7PD, and Kirsten Peterson, KL7PQ, are arranging communications for the event. This is a cross country event somewhat like the Iditarod but smaller and without nice warm cabins to operate from. If you like to hike and camp, here is a perfect opportunity to take your hobby along on a neat vacation. There will be three checkpoints at river crossings. The access varies from short hikes to fly and hike. The Iditarod Airforce will be helping and the whole Keni Peninsula will be getting involved. AL7EB, Ed Cole, will be covering the start at Hope and KL7JL, John Stannard, will be standing by at Homer. There is a big hole in between so if you can plan several days off, get in on the ground floor of a new Alaskan event.

This will be the last column from this station. I've enjoyed serving and participating in the AARC this past year. My personal thanks to the board of directors and all the members who helped in any way. I trust you'll all be back for another year and that many more will join in during the coming year. Next month... "Wilse's Warbles" or maybe "The Word According to Father Morgan"? How about "The View from Mount Olympus"? Stay tuned and so long for now.

73,  
Bob  
AL7AW